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AN UNFORTUNATE AFFAIR.

The New Orleans exposition, while it may have been a success in the matter of exhibition, has proved a financial failure.

There are several reasons for this, principal among which is the fact that New Orleans is not a suitable location for such an exposition.

It is not central enough to attract a sufficient number of people from all parts of the country to make the attendance profitable.

Such an exposition, which can not be made to pay expenses without an enormous attendance, must be located as nearly as possible in the center of population.

The talk, therefore, of continuing the exposition another year would seem to be very foolish, as some one will have to guarantee the expenses, and it is not likely that the citizens of New Orleans will put up nearly \$400,000 for that purpose.

It is to be regretted that Major Burke, the director general of the exposition, has become financially involved, owing to his connection with the affair.

During the opening of the exposition he became personally responsible for the debts contracted by the management to the amount of \$150,000.

It was expected that the gate receipts would prove sufficient to cover the amount. In this he was disappointed.

It was hoped, however, that some relief would be obtained from the congressional appropriation of \$350,000, but the decision of the attorney-general declared that no part of it could be used in the payment of Louisiana creditors, and they now look to Major Burke for payment.

It is understood that he has surrendered both his and his wife's property to satisfy these claims. Nothing remains of his fortune except a share in the Times Democrat, and it is to devote his entire energy to that paper that he resigned his place as director-general.

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A BLOW AT CORPORATION TAX-DODGERS.

The Illinois senate is getting after the corporations which have so long successfully evaded taxation.

A legislative committee has been at work in Chicago at intervals for two weeks investigating the methods of the corporation tax-dodgers.

The result disclosed that the gas companies, the street railway companies, and the expensive business blocks in the heart of the city generally escaped with a nominal payment, and it was shown that in the case of numerous corporations no taxes whatever have been paid in a number of years.

When the stockholders of these companies came before the committee their efforts to deny the value of their property would have been amusing had it not been so contrary to well-known facts.

The greater number of witnesses failed to appear, the committee not having the power to enforce their attendance, and as a consequence the committee adjourned to Springfield, where witnesses could be compelled to respond to subpoenas.

A bill has since been passed by the senate legislating telegraph companies, the object of which is to make them pay taxes. It provides that they shall make an annual report of their gross receipts, of which they must pay into the state treasury three per cent.

This is a step in the right direction and it is to be hoped that other corporations can be reached in a similar way, so that they can be compelled to pay their share of taxation.

The people are getting tired of giving away valuable franchises without receiving any compensation whatever for them.

If the corporations that depend for their existence upon franchises granted by the state would only pay their taxes as fairly as private property holders the people would not complain.

The substitution of the lighter for the heavier drinks, as shown by the figures of the last twenty-five years, is a social fact of some significance.

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